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For **SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHODS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

[Please cancel claim 1 and add the following claims:]

2. A method of processing signals at a receiver station having one or more reprogrammable controllers and an output device, each reprogrammable controller being capable of controlling a processor, said method comprising the steps of:
- (a) receiving an information transmission from a remote station, said information transmission containing some downloadable executable code;
 - (b) controlling a processor to ^{some} extract downloadable executable code from said information transmission;